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Grain Stocks
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SEPTEMBER GRAIN STOCKS REPORT ^{1/}

North Dakota

All Wheat stored in all positions in North Dakota on September 1, 2002 totaled 266 million bushels, down 12 percent from a year ago and lowest since September 1 of 1988, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. All wheat stocks include durum, other spring and winter wheat. On-farm stocks are estimated at 200 million bushels, down 11 percent from a year ago and the lowest since 1988's 180 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, at 66.2 million bushels, were down 16 percent from a year ago. The indicated June - August 2002 quarter disappearance was 82.0 million bushels, down 24 percent from the same period in 2001.

Durum Wheat stocks in all positions totaled 59.9 million bushels, down 5 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 52.0 million bushels, were up 4 percent from a year ago but 27 percent below 2000's September 1 stocks of 71.0 million bushels. Off-farm stocks totaled 7.90 million bushels, down 39 percent from a year ago. The June - August disappearance was 13.3 million bushels, down 44 percent from the same period a year earlier and the lowest since the 1993 June - August disappearance of 11.0 million bushels.

Barley stocks in all positions totaled 60.0 million bushels, down 21 percent from a year ago and the lowest since 1974's September 1 stocks of 56.9 million bushels. On-farm stocks were 46.0 million bushels, 13 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks were 14.0 million bushels, 38 percent below 2001. For the 1986 and 1987 crop years, only the June 1 ending stocks were published. September 1 stocks estimates were resumed in 1988. Disappearance during the quarter totaled 22.0 million bushels, down 32 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Oats stored in all positions totaled 14.6 million bushels, 24 percent above the stocks on September 1, 2001. Of the total stocks on hand, 14.0 million bushels were stored on farms, up 27 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 560,000 bushels, 160,000 bushels below a year earlier. Disappearance during the quarter totaled 3.8 million bushels, 59 percent less than the same period a year ago.

Corn stocks in all positions totaled 7.55 million bushels, 52 percent below a year ago. Of the total stocks, 3.7 million bushels were stored on farms, a 60 percent decrease from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 3.85 million bushels, were down 41 percent. Disappearance during the quarter totaled 11.5 million bushels, the same as a year earlier.

Soybean stocks in all positions totaled 2.24 million bushels, compared to 9.98 million bushels on June 1, 2002. On-farm stocks estimates for North Dakota were reinstated starting with the December 1, 2001 estimate after a four year absence. On-farm stocks totaled 500,000 bushels on September 1 compared to 6.0 million bushels on June 1, 2002. Off-farm stocks, at 1.74 million bushels, were up from last year's 1.55 million bushels on September 1.

Oil Sunflower stocks totaled 36.0 million pounds, a drop of 60 percent from a year ago and the lowest since 1993's 35.0 million pounds. On-farm, 6.5 million pounds were stored, down from 22.0 million pounds last year and the lowest since 1993's 5.9 million pounds. Off-farm stocks, at 29.5 million pounds, were down 57 percent from a year ago.

Non-Oil Sunflower stocks totaled 64.7 million pounds, down 19 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks totaled 4.50 million pounds, down from 19.0 million pounds last year. Off-farm stocks totaled 60.2 million pounds, down 1 percent from last year.

United States

All wheat stored in all positions on September 1, 2002 totaled 1.74 billion bushels, down 19 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 588 million bushels, down 16 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 1.15 billion bushels, are down 21 percent from a year ago. The indicated June - August 2002 disappearance is 662 million bushels, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Durum wheat stocks in all positions on September 1, 2002 totaled 93.1 million bushels, down 4 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 66.5 million bushels, are up 5 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks totaled 26.6 million bushels, down 22 percent from a year ago. The indicated June - August 2002 disappearance of 20.2 million bushels is down 36 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Barley stocks in all positions on September 1, 2002 totaled 224 million bushels, down 9 percent from September, 2001. On-farm stocks are estimated at 132 million bushels, 2 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 92.4 million bushels, are 16 percent below September 2001. Indicated disappearance during the June - August 2002 quarter totaled 95.7 million bushels, down 13 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Oats stored in all positions on September 1, 2002 totaled 111 million bushels, 4 percent below the stocks on September 1, 2001. Of the total stocks on hand, 70.5 million bushels were stored on farms, 6 percent less than a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 41.0 million bushels, 1 percent below a year earlier. Indicated disappearance during June - August 2002 totaled 70.9 million bushels, 3 percent less than the same period a year ago.

Corn stocks in all positions on September 1, 2002 totaled 1.60 billion bushels, down 16 percent from September 1, 2001. Of the total stocks, 587 million bushels are stored on farms, down 22 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.01 billion bushels, are down 12 percent from the previous year. The June - August 2002 indicated disappearance is 2.00 billion bushels, compared with 2.02 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions on September 1, 2002 totaled 208 million bushels, down 16 percent from September 1, 2001. On-farm stocks totaled 62.7 million bushels, down 25 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 145 million bushels, are down 11 percent from a year ago. Indicated disappearance for the June - August 2002 quarter totaled 477 million bushels, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

1/ Corn and soybean stocks are old crop grains on hand September 1 from 2001 and earlier crop years. Small grain stocks are from all crop years, including 2002.

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Crop	Date	NORTH DAKOTA			UNITED STATES		
		On Farm	Off Farm ^{1/}	Total All Positions	On Farm	Off Farm ^{1/}	Total All Positions
Wheat, All	Sept 1, 2001	225,000	79,100	304,100	696,850	1,458,964	2,155,814
	June 1, 2002	90,000	37,500	127,500	216,830	560,282	777,112
	Sept 1, 2002	200,000	66,200	266,200	588,200	1,151,952	1,740,152
Durum Wheat ^{2/}	Sept 1, 2001	50,000	13,000	63,000	63,300	33,841	97,141
	June 1, 2002	17,000	6,200	23,200	20,600	12,390	32,990
	Sept 1, 2002	52,000	7,900	59,900	66,500	26,554	93,054
Barley	Sept 1, 2001	53,000	22,570	75,570	134,800	110,564	245,364
	June 1, 2002	11,000	14,000	25,000	23,210	69,631	92,841
	Sept 1, 2002	46,000	14,000	60,000	131,600	92,419	224,019
Oats	Sept 1, 2001	11,000	720	11,720	74,800	41,592	116,392
	June 1, 2002	5,100	500	5,600	28,650	34,552	63,202
	Sept 1, 2002	14,000	560	14,560	70,500	40,982	111,482
Corn	Sept 1, 2001	9,200	6,550	15,750	753,150	1,145,958	1,899,108
	June 1, 2002	14,000	5,000	19,000	2,020,600	1,576,290	3,596,890
	Sept 1, 2002	3,700	3,850	7,550	586,800	1,012,620	1,599,420
Soybeans ^{3/}	Sept 1, 2001	---	1,550	---	83,500	164,247	247,747
	June 1, 2002	6,000	3,980	9,980	301,200	383,721	684,921
	Sept 1, 2002	500	1,740	2,240	62,700	145,487	208,187
All Sunflower	Sept 1, 2001	41,000	129,100	170,100	86,890	258,101	344,991
	Sept 1, 2002	11,000	89,700	100,700	46,170	191,285	237,455
Oil Sunflower	Sept 1, 2001	22,000	68,100	90,100	55,890	130,901	186,791
	Sept 1, 2002	6,500	29,500	36,000	32,070	76,032	108,102
Non-Oil Sunflower	Sept 1, 2001	19,000	61,000	80,000	31,000	127,200	158,200
	Sept 1, 2002	4,500	60,200	64,700	14,100	115,253	129,353
Mustard ^{4/}	Sept 1, 2001	---	---	---	---	---	18,449
	Sept 1, 2002	---	---	---	---	---	7,961
Safflower ^{4/}	Sept 1, 2001	---	---	---	---	---	56,604
	Sept 1, 2002	---	---	---	---	---	34,217

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. 2/ Included in all wheat. 3/ On-farm estimates for North Dakota reinstated December 1, 2001. 4/ Estimates published at U.S. level only.

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